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TOWN WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

[L. S.] *To the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilton, in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Wilton, on Tuesday, the Ninth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same, including support of schools, maintenance of poor, for repairs of roads and bridges, for Memorial Day, for lighting streets and miscellaneous expenses.

3. To hear the report of agents, auditors, committees, and all other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

4. To see if the town will grant free use of the Town Hall on Memorial Day and evening to Abiel A. Livermore Post, G. A. R.

5. To see if the town will vote to grant the free use of the Town Hall Friday afternoon preceding Memorial Day for memorial exercises of the public schools and one evening to the high school graduating class.

6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars (being $30 each for fifty hydrants), or any other sum to be applied to the credit of the water works for hydrant service.

7. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the laying of service pipes for the water works, and the general improvement, care, and maintenance of the water works system.

8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care and support of the public library and the library building and lot.

9. To see what action the town will take in relation to installing more street lights.

10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of money necessary to secure State Aid for the permanent improvement of highways, under the law passed at the January session, 1905.

11. To see if the town will grant the free use of the Town Hall and supper room one evening in the year to the Fire Department for its annual party.

12. To see what action the town will take in regard to installing a new boiler in Town House and raise and appropriate money for the same.

13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the proper observance of "Old Home Week."

14. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the suppression of the Brown-tail moth.

15. To see if the town will vote to extend the concrete sidewalk from where it now ends, at the I. O. O. F. Hall, up Piety Hill, or Dale street, so-called, as far as the residence of William E. Fiske, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

16. To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk on "The Island," from a point near the new concrete bridge and extending to the foot of the hill near the residence of Mrs. Desilots, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

17. To see if the town will vote to adopt the district system for the repairs of highways which was in force before the adoption of the present system, and take any action relative thereto.

18. To see if the town will vote to elect two Road Agents and take any action relative thereto.

19. To see if the town will vote to request the Boston & Maine Railroad to provide a flagman or other protection for the crossing near the residence of William N. Patterson, known as the "Stone Mill Crossing."

20. To see if the town will vote to purchase a Road Machine, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

21. To see if the town will vote to purchase a Stone Crusher and Steam Roller, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

22. To see if the town will vote to pay claim of Henry L. Emerson, amounting to $200, for superintendence of new bridge.

23. To see if the town will vote to reinforce a portion of the cement dam at the reservoir of the Wilton Water Works, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

24. To see what action the town will take toward establishing a storage reservoir for the Wilton Water Works or take any vote relative thereto, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

25. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and nine.

NICHOLAS COUGHLIN,
HENRY V. TUTTLE,
ORVILLE H. FRYE,
Selectmen of Wilton.

INVENTORY.

Inventory of real estate and personal property as assessed on the first day of April, 1908.

No. of Polls, 451	$45,100.00	
Horses, 323	20,895.00	
Mules, 3	230.00	
Oxen, 10	500.00	
Cows, 725	20,620.00	
Neat, 134	2,250.00	
Sheep, 60	181.00	
Hogs, 80	400.00	
Fowls, 1,870	935.00	
Carriages, 48	4,965.00	
Stock in Banks	6,800.00	
Money at interest	40,645.00	
Stock in trade	58,519.00	
Mills and machinery	39,582.00	
Lands and buildings	767,285.00	
		$1,008,907.00

Tax rate $2.00 on $100.00.

LIST OF SOLDIERS, THEIR WIVES OR WIDOWS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

James E. Avery	$525.00
George S. Buss	1,000.00
George Blanchard	1,000.00
A. A. Clark	1,000.00
H. T. H. Frye	980.00
Mrs. Sylvanus Hutchinson	650.00
Mrs. Sarah Hurley	850.00
Mrs. Cornelius McCarthy	400.00

Mrs. Hannah Powers	$500.00	
Henry Holt and wife		1,000.00
Mrs. Mary Sullivan		1,000.00
C. O. Whitney and wife		1,000.00
		$9,905.00

APPROPRIATIONS.

The following estimate has been made for appropriations necessary to meet current expenses for the ensuing year.

For Highways and bridges	$3,200.00
Schools, not including literary fund	6,500.00
State tax	2,180.00
County tax	1,285.45
Payment on notes and interest	8,000.00
Fire Department	800.00
Street lights	700.00
Town officers	800.00
Public library	1,200.00
Support of poor	300.00
Printing and stationery	150.00
Miscellaneous expenses	250.00
Care of hearse and cemeteries	300.00
Memorial Day	50.00
Permanent road	1,008.00
	$26,723.45

TOWN EXPENDITURES.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid	Nicholas Coughlin selectman	$150.00
	Henry V. Tuttle, selectman	110.00
	Orville H. Frye, selectman..	100.00
	Richard M. Moore, treasurer	100.00
	Henry L. Emerson, collector	100.00
	Edwin A. French, clerk....	50.00
	Thomas Cooley, police	19.00
	Thomas Cooley, extra police duty	10.00
	Thomas Cooley, prosecuting officer	25.00
	Thomas Cooley, dog killer..	15.00
	E. A. Rideout, special police, July 3 and 4.....	4.00
	Bert Clement, special police, July 3 and 4	4.00
	Henry V. Tuttle, special police, July 3 and 4.....	4.00
	Wm, Atwood, special police, July 3 and 4	4.00
	George F. Carleton, special police, July 3 and 4.....	4.00
	Frank E. Proctor, special police July 3 and 4.....	4.00
	Geo. G. Blanchard, auditor	5.00
	A. C. Young auditor.....	5.00
	Frank W. Tolford, supervisor	16.00
	Arthur A. Moore, supervisor	16.00

Paid A. L. Lash, supervisor	$16.00	
E. A. Rideout, ballot clerk	3.00	
Henry Herlihy, ballot clerk..	3.00	
Henry H. Putnam, ballot clerk	3.00	
C. H. Dunbar, ballot clerk..	3.00	
		$773.00

TOWN HOUSE.

Paid John W. Raymond, janitor	$232.36
Geo. E. Bales, insurance....	108.00
D. Whiting & Sons, coal and wood	105.12
John W. Raymond, for roll of paper and express.....	5.39
W. H. Emerson, repairing electric lights	.85
O. B. Hutchinson, for C. E. White, tuning piano.....	2.50
Milford Electric Light & Power Co., for electric lamp for selectmen's room	5.00
Marshall & Broderick, labor and material	1.75
H. V. Tuttle, repairing chairs	2.00
Geo. Nutter & Son, labor and material	7.97
T. F. Broderick, labor.....	.90
John W. Raymond, for roll of paper	5.36
James P. Melzer, janitor's receipt book	1.25
F. W. Clark, supples.....	1.50
Wilton Water Works, water for hall	16.25

Paid D. Whiting & Son, supplies	$5.50	
Spence & Rideout, inspecting boiler	5.70	
E. A. French, supplies	5.13	
J. L. Shea Co. wood	6.87	
Milford Light & Power Co., lights	161.43	
		$680.83
Received for rent of town hall	$664.93	
Rent of room from water works	50.00	
		$714.93
Balance in favor of town		$33.17

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid M. J. Herlihy, chief engineer	$30.00
Frank E. Proctor, 1st ass't	25.00
D. M. Brennan, 2nd ass't	15.00
Excelsior Hose Co., No. 1, pay roll	180.00
Souhegan Hose Co., No. 2, pay roll	180.00
Eagle Hose Co., No. 3 pay roll	180.00
W. I. Durgin, supplies	.75
E. J. Hopkins, two hose wagons	85.00
Milford & Wilton Carriage Co., painting two hose wagons	25.00
Geo. E. Bales, insurance on Engine House	6.25
D. Whiting & Sons, pipe for Fire Department	2.40
D. Whiting & Sons, wood	2.75

Paid M. J. Herlihy, cash paid for supplies	$ .75	
D. E. Proctor, supplies	5.53	
Milford Light & Power Co., lighting	2.31	
John Merrill, steward	30.00	
		$770.74

BRUSH FIRES.

Paid M. J. Herlihy, fire warden for brush fires	$170.01	
		$170.01

FIRE ALARM WHISTLE.

Paid P. J. Abbott	$51.32	
M. J. Herlihy	8.15	
		$59.47

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Killorin Contracting Co., balance on Hatch Hill contract, 1907	$100.00	
A. D. Young, balance 1905 permanent road money	8.00	
Nathan Cragin, express, expenses to Nashua and telephone	2.49	
R. M. Moore, cash paid for safety deposit box	4.58	
J. P. Snow, examination and report on old bridge	16.00	
H. E. Pettingill, sprinkling macadam street, April 1 to May 1	5.50	
Marshall & Broderick, steel lock box	.85	

Paid Orville H. Frye, extra time taking invoice	$30.00
Henry V. Tuttle, extra time taking invoice	30.00
A. D. Young, labor on oval at town hall	15.25
Marshall & Broderick, iron railing on oval	28.00
A. D. Young, painting iron bridge	8.09
W. H. Emerson, use of uniforms, July 4th	8.00
A. M. Carpenter, for extra distance moving boiler, on account of Red Bridge being unsafe	5.00
Killorin Contracting Co., one catch basin, freight, labor and cement	10.50
N. H. State Hospital, board of Edwin Mansur	80.86
John F. Grafton, building concrete sidewalk from R. R. to stone bridge....	73.20
Geo. E. Bales, insurance on storehouse and contents..	6.00
Starr B. Center, over tax....	4.00
John W. Storrs, inspection and report on old bridge..	30.00
M. J. Herlihy, work on old bridge and estimates on temporary bridge	2.25
E. A. French, cash paid for dog licenses and notices..	2.50
Geo. E. Bales, counsel fees	25.00
Milford Cabinet, printing notices	1.25

Paid Nicholas Coughlin, extra time taking invoice.....	$30.00	
Nicholas Coughlin, expense to Concord	3.00	
Nicholas Couglin, expense to Nashua	1.30	
Henry V. Tuttle, team to New Ipswich	1.00	
Henry V. Tuttle, team to Milford, two times.....	1.50	
		$534.12

LIGHTING STREETS.

Paid Milford Light & Power Co.	$613.75	
A. W. Nutting, lighting street lamp for 1907.....	3.00	
Geo. D. May, re-setting lamp post	2.00	
Mrs. Emma Nutting, lighting street lamp for 1908..	3.00	
Milford Light & Power Co., labor	.91	
F. W. Clark, oil, gasolene, etc.	7.11	
M. E. Kennedy, lighting street lamp	3.00	
E. A. French, supplies.....	2.10	
		$634.87

HIGHWAYS.

Paid James W. Kennedy, agent	$58.25	
A. D. Young, agent.....	3,362.65	
		$3,420.90

NEW RAILINGS.

Paid A. D. Young, labor and material		$151.99

WIDENING ROAD NEAR ROCKWOOD CORNER.

Paid A. D. Young, labor		$111.47

PERMANENT ROAD.

Town contribution	$1,422.00	
State contribution	568.80	
Total joint fund		$1,990.80
Paid Killorin Contracting Co., contract	$1,893.16	
State disbursements	54.76	
Total disbursements		$1,947.92
Paid by state to town $501.79		
Balance in town treasury.....	$30.63	
Balance in state treasury.....	12.25	
Total unexpended balance ...		$42.88

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

Paid Telegraph Publishing Co., printing town and school reports	$89.40
Milford Cabinet, dog notices and letter sheets.....	1.90
L. H. Baldwin, pad, stationery and stamps	3.56
L. H. Baldwin, Gov. envelopes for town treasurer..	10.62

Paid Edson C. Eastman, one record book and one tax book	$12.32	
H. P. Ring, printing.....	1.25	
L. H. Baldwin, receipt book for town treasurer.....	.80	
Edson C. Eastman, one mortgage book	9.00	
Nicholas Coughlin, stamps, stationery, etc.	4.89	
Osborn, the Printer, order and town note books.....	3.20	
Henry V. Tuttle, stamps and stationery	.50	
Nicholas Coughlin, cash paid for stamps, stationery, etc.	1.20	
		$138.64

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Frank E. Proctor, overseer of poor	$15.00	
D. E. Proctor, supplies for Mrs. Fred Beaudry.....	121.66	
D. E. Proctor, supplies for Clifford Hutchinson	66.61	
D. E. Proctor, supplies for Charles H. Goss.....	52.65	
Hillsborough County Farm, board of Frank Nickerson	34.29	
James T. Greeley, M. D., professional services rendered George Wright....	12.00	
		$302.21

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Paid Geo. W. Hatch, M. D., returning births and deaths	$8.25	
C. E. Higgins, M. D., returning births and deaths.	4.25	
C. E. Rice, M. D., returning births and deaths.....	1.75	
E. A. French, recording marriages, births and deaths..	12.90	
E. A. French, cash for returning marriages, births and deaths	4.50	
		$31.65

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Geo. W. Hatch, services board of health.....	$30.00	
Frank E. Proctor, services board of health.....	20.00	
L. B. Bradford, services rendered Alfred Matterson and brother, on account of quarantine	29.00	
W. I. Durgin, supplies.....	10.75	
		$89.75

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid R. M. Moore, treasurer....	$200.00	
May K. Barrett, treasurer..	7,026.45	
		$7,226.45

MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid John Gage, A. A. Livermore Post, G. A. R.....	$50.00

LIBRARY.

Paid Geo. G. Blanchard.....		$1,500.00

CEMETERIES.

Paid labor and material.....		$299.38

FOURTH OF JULY.

Paid David Whiting		$300.00

LOBBY.

Paid Geo. E. Bales, rent of lobby	$15.00	
A. W. Russell, wood.....	21.13	
J. L. Shea Co., wood.....	2.75	
D. E. Proctor, supplies.....	4.78	
Thomas Cooley, painting and whitewashing.....	6.13	
H. V. Tuttle, door	6.00	
D. Whiting & Sons, supplies	9.75	
J. L. Shea Co., wood.....	9.00	
John Gage, labor and material	1.75	
		$76.29

NEW CONCRETE ARCH BRIDGE.

Paid Scheuermann & Peck.....	$5,175.00	
J. R. Worcester, engineer on bridge	50.00	
M. J. Herlihy, services on bridge committee	28.00	
		$5,253.00

EXTRA WORK IN CONNECTION WITH NEW BRIDGE.

Paid A. D. Young, setting edge stone at bridge	$10.00	
Parker M. Avery, use of land for bridge	15.00	
A. D. Young, labor on road and sidewalk near bridge.	55.60	
Geo. Nutter & Son, iron railings near new bridge..	29.30	
		$109.90

WATERING TROUGHS AND HYDRANTS.

Paid Wilton Water Works, 50 hydrants	$1,500.00	
Wilton Water Works, seven watering troughs	42.00	
A. D. Young, labor on Dale bridge watering trough...	7.25	
H. P. Ring, watering trough from May 1, 1907 to Feb. 15, 1909	5.00	
Mrs. E. J. Boynton, watering trough	3.00	
		$1,557.25

WATER WORKS.

Paid labor and material.....	$666.12	
Expense in Patterson case..	1,157.59	
		$1,823.71

SEWERS.

Paid labor and material.....	$73.06

BROWN-TAIL MOTH ACCOUNT.

Paid Henry V. Tuttle, removing moths	$667.66	
L. H. Baldwin, stamped envelopes	3.12	
H. P. Ring, printing moth notices	.50	
F. W. Clark, supplies	2.91	
		$674.19

Cr.

Cash received from private parties and paid to town treasurer	$53.11	
Due from private parties	43.70	
		$96.81
Cost to town		$577.38

DAMAGES.

Paid Geo. E. Bales, attorney, in full settlement of case of Chas. W. Edwards, $1,100, said amount being paid to James F. Brennan, attorney	$1,100.00	
Harry E. Hutchinson, damage to horse, buggy and harness	20.00	
		$1,120.00

SUMMARY.

Paid town officers	$773.00	
Town house	680.83	
Fire department	770.74	
Brush fires	170.01	
Fire alarm whistle	59.47	
Miscellaneous	534.12	
Lighting streets	634.87	
Highways	3,420.90	
New railings	151.99	
Widening road near Rockwood Corner	111.47	
Permanent road	1,893.16	
Printing and stationery	138.64	
Support of poor	302.21	
Marriage, births and deaths	31.65	
Board of health	89.75	
Support of schools	7,226.45	
Memorial Day	50.00	
Library	1,500.00	
Cemeteries	299.38	
Fourth of July	300.00	
Lobby	76.29	
New concrete arch bridge	5,253.00	
Extra work in connection with new bridge	109.90	
Watering troughs and hydrants	1,557.25	
Water works	1,823.71	
Sewers	73.06	
Brown-tail moth account	674.19	
Damages	1,120.00	
		$29,826.04

Respectfully submitted,

NICHOLAS COUGHLIN,
HENRY V. TUTTLE,
ORVILLE H. FRYE,
Selectmen of Wilton.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched for.

GEORGE G. BLANCHARD,
ARTHUR YOUNG,

Auditors for Town of Wilton.

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT.

MARCH, 1908.

Paid A. D. Young, 12 days at $2	$24.00	
Walter Young, 10 days at $1.75	17.50	
Edward Moquin, 1-2 day ..	.88	
Fred L. Young, 3 days at $1.75	5.25	
Team	9.00	
		$55.75

Received of James Kennedy, March 12, 1908.

4 shovels.
4 picks.
1 good rake and 3 broken rakes.
2 snow shovels.
2 bars.
1 axe.
2 drills, two feet long.
2 drills, two and a half feet long.
2 drills, five feet long.
2 bars of 3-4 iron six feet.
2 good lanterns.
2 broken lanterns.
10 lbs. nails.
20 lbs. spikes.
1 cesspool shovel.
2 bush scythes.
1 sod hook.
1 stone hammer.
1 bit stock (Broken.)

1,860 feet plank, (not 5,000 feet as the report said last year.)
1 auger.
1 chain.

MONTH OF APRIL, 1908.

Paid A. D. Young, 13 days, 3 hours at $2.00	$26.66	
A. D. Young, 3 days at $3.00	9.00	
Walter Young, 1 day, 6 hours at $1.75.....	3.06	
Joe Gregoire, 12 days, 3 hours at $1.75	21.60	
John Whalen, 9 days, 3 hours at $1.75	16.35	
John Whalen, 3 days at $2.00	6.00	
Fred L. Young, 9 days, 3 hours at $1.75	16.35	
Fred L. Young, 3 days at $2.00	6.00	
Horse, 16 days at 50c.....	8.00	
Young's team, 12 1-2 days at $4.50	56.25	
Draper's team, 1-2 day at $4.50	2.25	
Anson Rideout	1.70	
Whiting, lumber	45.26	
M. J. Herlihy, plank.....	10.77	
D. E. Proctor, supplies.....	1.83	
E. J. Hopkins	11.80	
H. H. Livermore	.21	
		$312.09

MONTH OF MAY.

Paid Kennedy Bros, team 12 days at $4.50	$54.00	
Dustin Draper, team, 13 days at $4.50	58.50	
John A. Sheldon, team, 2 days at $4.50	9.00	
E. J. Hopkins	1.50	
John Hadlock	10.40	
Young's team, 21 days, 1 hour at $4.50	95.00	
Joe Gregoire, 19 days, 4 hours at $1.75	34.05	
Patsy Young, 13 days	22.75	
John Whalen, 17 days, 6 hours at $1.75	30.95	
John Whalen, extra	.75	
Fred L. Young, 16 days at $2.00	32.00	
Fred L. Young, 3 days at $1.75	5.25	
A. D. Young, 21 days, 5 hours at $2.75	59.25	
C. B. Smith	.85	
D. E. Proctor	1.20	
N. Coughlin, 1 day, 3 hours at $1.75	2.34	
		$417.79

MONTH OF JUNE.

Paid D. J. Draper, 15 days at $4.50	$67.50
John A. Sheldon, 5 days at $4.50	22.50
D. E. Proctor	1.00
Fred Frazer	.25

Paid Dynamite and caps	$1.25	
Sharpening drills	.25	
Young's team, 21 days at $4.50	94.50	
A. D. Young, 18 days at $2.75	49.50	
John Whalen, 16 days at $1.75	28.00	
John Whalen, extra	.25	
Fred L. Young, 18 days, 6 hours at $1.75	32.70	
Fred L. Young, extra	2.25	
Joe Gregoire, 23 days, 5 hours at $1.75	41.25	
Chas. Eliot, 12 days, 5 hours at $1.75	22.00	
Oil and lantern globe.....	.25	
Sawing chestnut	.75	
D. Whiting & Sons, right of filling canal	20.00	
		$384.10

MONTH OF JULY.

Paid A. D. Young, 24 days, 3 hours at $2.75	$66.90	
John Whalen, 18 days at $1.75	31.50	
Fred L. Young, 17 days, 5 hours at $1.75	30.63	
Fred L. Young, 5 days at $2.00	10.00	
Joe Gregoire, 24 days, 5 hours at $1.75	43.00	
Dennis Liberty, 7 days, 5 hours at $1.75	13.25	

Paid Kennedy Bros., 7 days at $4.50	$31.50	
Dustin Draper, 5 days at $4.50	22.50	
Young's team, 24 days at $4.50	108.00	
C. B. Smith	.15	
F. W. Clark	1.10	
D. E. Proctor	4.40	
		$362.93

MONTH OF AUGUST.

Paid A. D. Young, 21 days, 4 hours at $2.75	$58.95	
John Whalen, 18 days, 5 hours at $1.75	32.50	
Fred L. Young, 12 days, 5 hours at $1.75	22.00	
Fred L. Young, 6 days at $2.00	12.00	
Joe Gregorie, 21 days 7 hours at $1.75	38.15	
Kennedy Bros., 5 days at $4.50	22.50	
Dustin Draper, 6 days at $4.50	27.00	
John A. Sheldon, 1 day.....	4.50	
Geo. Badger, 1-2 day	2.25	
Frank Wood, 1 day	4.50	
Young's team, 21 days, 2 hours at $4.50	95.50	
E. J. Hopkins	.95	
D. E. Proctor	7.45	
Grease for road machine...	.75	
		$329.00

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

Paid A. D. Young, 22 days at $2.75	$60.50	
John Whalen, 14 days, 5 hours at $1.75	25.50	
John Whalen, 6 days at $2.00	12.00	
Fred L. Young, 14 days, 5 hours at $1.75	25.50	
Fred L. Young, 6 days at $2.00	12.00	
Joe Gregoire, 25 days at $1.75	43.75	
Young's team, 25 days at $4.50	112.50	
Kennedy Bros., 1-2 day	2.25	
Dustin Draper, 1-2 day	2.25	
Eldon Putnam, labor	1.50	
Caps, 15 at 5c.	.75	
Dynamite, 6 lbs. at 40c.	2.40	
F. W. Clark	2.20	
D. E. Proctor	2.76	
		$305.86

MONTH OF OCTOBER.

Paid E. J. Hopkins	$14.00
D. E. Proctor	2.68
Chester Carlton, 66 feet stone at 35 cents foot	23.10
A. D. Young, 15 days, 3 hours at $2.75	42.15
John Whalen, 14 days at $1.75	24.50
John Whalen, extra	.50

Paid Fred L. Young, 17 days, 5 hours at $1.75	30.75	
Fred L. Young, extra	.50	
Joe Gregoire, 19 days at $1.75	33.25	
Young's team, 20 days at $4.50	90.00	
Dustin Draper, 1 day	4.50	
Frank Wood, 1 day	4.50	
Dynamite and caps	.45	
Brace for machine, Whiting	.25	
		$271.10

MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

Paid A. D. Young, 19 1-2 days at $2.75	$53.63	
John Whalen, 19 1-2 days at $1.75	34.13	
Fred L. Young, 19 1-2 days at $1.75	34.13	
Joe Gregoire, 17 1-2 days at $1.75	30.63	
Young's team, 20 days at $4.50	90.00	
John Grafton, concrete	12.00	
H. H. Livermore	6.20	
F. W. Clark, paint	.76	
D. E. Proctor	1.40	
D. Whiting	1.44	
Boston & Maine	.30	
A. D. Young, paid out	.25	
Geo. Nutter	1.26	
Geo. Badger	7.66	
		$273.79

MONTH OF DECEMBER.

Paid A. D. Young, 14 days, 2 hours at $2.75.....	$39.10	
John Whalen, 7 days, 3 hours at $1.75	11.80	
John Whalen, extra.....	.50	
Fred L. Young, 12 days, 7 hours at $1.75.....	22.40	
Fred L. Young, extra.....	.75	
Walter Young, 2 days, 2 hours at $1.75.....	3.90	
Dustin Draper, 2 days 5 hours at $4.50.....	11.25	
Young's team, 17 days, 5 hours at $4.50.....	78.75	
E. J. Hopkins	5.76	
A. J. Rideout, 1 day.....	1.75	
J. P. Chandler.....	1.13	
D. E. Proctor.....	6.71	
A. D. Young, stone for bridge near O'Donnell's..	21.25	
A. D. Young, three posts and covering stone.....	2.75	
		$208.85

MONTH OF JANUARY, 1909.

Paid A. D. Young, 14 days, 6 hours at $2.75.....	$40.30
Dustin Draper, 2 days at $4.50	9.00
John A. Sheldon, 5 days at $4.50	22.50
Frank Woods, 1 day.....	4.50
Young's team, 14 days, 6 hours at $4.50.....	66.00

Paid Walter Young, 1 day, 7 hours at $1.75	3.15	
Joe Gregoire, 2 days, 6 hours at $1.75	4.70	
John Whalen, 5 hours	1.00	
Fred L. Young, 2 days at $1.75	3.50	
Chester Carlton, 250 feet stone at 35c	87.50	
M. L. Fowler, plank, 5M at $14.00	70.00	
D. E. Proctor	1.62	
F. W. Clark	.30	
E. J. Hopkins	.75	
		$314.82

MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

Paid A. D. Young, 9 days, 3 hours at $2.75	$25.67	
Fred L. Young, 1 day, 6 hours at $1.75	2.95	
Joe Gregoire, 2 days, 6 hours at $1.75	4.70	
Young's team, 9 days, 2 hours at $4.50	41.50	
Walter Young, 2 hours	.40	
Chester Carlton, 42 feet, 8 inches at 35c	14.94	
M. L. Fowler, 2M at $14	28.00	
E. J. Hopkins	1.00	
N. Cragin	.50	
William Hopkins, labor	4.00	
Salt	.40	
Fare to Boston	2.26	
Telegram to Mrs. Trevitt	.25	
		$126.57
Total		$3,362.65

On hand—

7,000 feet plank, which are paid for.

295 feet edge stone.

I have rebuilt 28 culverts and have widened the bridge near O'Donnell's.

Should recommend that money be raised for new railings and for cutting bushes along highway.

Road machine in very bad order and cannot be repaired.

Sold old bridge plank.....	$3.00
Received for use of road machine, (George Batchelder)	1.00

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REINFORCED CONCRETE ARCH BRIDGE.

Your committee appointed at the adjourned annual March meeting of 1908 beg to submit the following report:—

Plans, specifications and bids were submitted by six different concerns, varying in price from $5,475 to $12,000. These plans were submitted to Mr. George R. Worcester, Consulting Engineer of Boston, Mass., whose services we retained.

After some minor changes suggested by him the plans of Scheuermann & Peck, Albany, N. Y., were adopted, contract was made with them on June 23rd at $5,475, all work to be completed within ninety days from date of contract, said contractors to forfeit to the town the sum of ($10) ten dollars for each and every day the work was delayed beyond the specified time. We have retained the sum of ($300) three hundred dollars for this over time.

We have a bond for the full amount of the contract from the American Surety Co., of New York guaranteeing the bridge in perfect condition one year from date of completion.

Some cracks have developed in the parapet walls which will probably require the replacing of a few sections of the walls to make it good as provided by the above named bond.

All of which is respectfully submitted:—

HENRY L. EMERSON,
M. J. HERLIHY,
DAVID WHITING,
Bridge Committee.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR.

Dr.

1908	To amount committed to collector.....	$20,178.14
	Additions	18.00
	Interest	27.30
		$20,223.44

Cr.

	By over tax and abatements.....	$138.60
	Uncollected taxes, good.....	750.12
	Cash paid treasurer.....	19,334.72
		$20,223.44
1907	Balance uncollected, as per last report..	$171.72
	Interest	9.88
		$181.60
	Paid treasurer	$181.60

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. EMERSON,

Collector.

TOWN TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

For the Year Ending February 15, 1909.

Dr.

To amount received from treasurer, Feb. 15, 1908.....		$710.24
Selectmen, rent of town hall		714.93
Received from Selectmen, account licenses		62.00
Received from Selectmen, account collections		
For removing Brown-tail moths		62.68
From E. A. French, account of dog licenses.....		252.17
E. A. French, account pool table licenses		36.00
Geo. E. Bales, trial justice, account police court.....		56.00
On town notes		18,000.00
A. W. Dean, state proportion of improved highways.....		501.79
State treasurer, account of income tax..	$51.00	
R. R. tax.....	2,087.02	
Savings Bank tax	1,113.74	
Literary	224.28	
Proportion of Supt. of Schools salary	250.00	
		3,726.04

To Henry W. Keyes, liq. com...		4.64	
Wilton Water Works Commissioners on the following accounts from:—			
Water rentals.	$2,178.96		
Watering troughs	42.00		
Hydrants	1,500.00		
Old pipe sold..	96.85		
Meters sold ..	102.60		
		3,920.41	
John E. FitzGerald, account cemetery lots sold.....		8.00	
H. L. Emerson, collector for 1908 tax		19,334.72	
H. L. Emerson, collector, 1907 tax and interest.....		181.60	
Treasurer, interest on Hannah Howard school endowment fund		42.65	
			$47,613.87

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

Cr.

Paid to Hannah E. Howard School endowment fund..	$1,800.00
R. M. Moore, interest on above fund	42.65
Interest on 5—20 notes.....	439.95
Sewer and water notes....	335.69
Temporary notes	505.21
Water works bonds.....	1,575.00
Notes	9,400.00
County tax	1,285.45

Paid State tax	2,055.00	
Orders drawn by selectmen	29,826.04	
By cash to balance.....	348.88	
		$47,613.87

R. M. MOORE,
Town Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN,
February 15, 1909.

Liabilities.

49 Schoolhouse or 5—20 notes..	$13,100.00	
Interest to Feb. 15, 1909...	107.86	
30 Temporary notes	20,400.00	
Interest to Feb. 15, 1909...	181.23	
22 Water and sewer system notes	10,550.00	
Interest to Feb. 15, 1909..	173.36	
90 Water system Bonds, Nos. 1 to 90 inclusive, payable May 1, 1915	45,000.00	
Interest to Feb. 15, 1909...	461.25	
		$89,973.70

Assets.

By cash in treasury.....	$348.88	
1 Kennebec Co. Me. bond, No. 4	518.18	
1 Kennebec Co. Me. bond, No. 5	518.18	
Interest accrued on above bonds	40.00	
Available means	750.12	
		$2,175.36
Net debt Feb. 15, 1909.....	$87,798.34	
Net debt Feb. 15, 1908.....	81,084.57	
Net increase of debt.....		$6,713.77

It will doubtless be apparent to all that our tax rate of 2 per cent. would have been sufficient to have paid all ordinary expenses, including interest on debt, and a small sum ($796.82) towards reducing the debt, had it not been for the following extraordinary expenditures.

For damages paid C. W. Edwards.....	$1,100.00
Costs and damage paid W. N. Patterson, account water works	1,157.59
Paid on new bridge	5,253.00
	$7,510.59

R. M. MOORE,
Town Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account of Town Treasurer and find it correctly cast and properly vouchered.

GEO. G. BLANCHARD,
A. C. YOUNG,
Auditors of Wilton.

CEMETERY TRUST FUND ACCOUNT YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1909.

Date Fund was Received.	Name of Fund.	Amount on Feb. 15, 1909.	Income for the Year.	Total.	Where Deposited.	Amount Expended During Past Year.	To Whom Paid.	How Expended.	Balance on Hand.
June 28, 1907	Andrew H. Burton....	$239.06	$6.31	$245.37	City Guaranty, Nashua	$2.00	J. E. Fitzgerald.	Mowing and level'g stones	$243.37
June 28, 1907	Mary A. Woodman....	200.45	5.32	205.77	City Guaranty, Nashua	5.00	J. E. Fitzgerald.	Mowing, trimming, filling George Blanchard lot...	200.77
June 28, 1907	David A. Gregg.....	209.55	5.56	215.11	City Guaranty, Nashua	3.50	J. E. Fitzgerald.	Mowing and trimming....	211.61
June 28, 1907	Jacob Kendall.....	104.59	2.77	107.36	City Guaranty, Nashua	2.00	J. E. Fitzgerald.	Mowing and trimming....	105.36
June 28, 1907	Phoebe H. Putnam....	100.81	2.72	203.53	City Guaranty, Nashua	2.00	J. E. Fitzgerald.	Mowing and trimming....	101.53
June 28, 1907	Charles Rideout.....	50.83	1.31	52.14	City Guaranty, Nashua	None	J. E. Fitzgerald.	Nothing needed.....	52.14
June 14, 1907	Solon Tarbell.....	114.09	3.43	117.52	Granite Savings Bank, Milford, N. H.	2.00	J. E. Fitzgerald.	Mowing and trimming....	115.52
June 14, 1907	M. A. Peabody.....	105.31	3.16	108.47	Granite Savings Bank, Milford, N. H.	2.00	J. E. Fitzgerald.	Mowing and trimming....	106.47
June 14, 1907	Dorcas Peabody.....	107.02	3.22	110.24	Granite Savings Bank, Milford, N. H.	2.00	J. E. Fitzgerald.	Mowing and trimming....	108.24
Dec. 31, 1907	Hannah E. Howard...	125.00	3.75	128.75	Granite Savings Bank, Milford, N. H.	1.00	J. E. Fitzgerald.	Mowing lot.....	127.75
Dec. 31, 1907	Benjamin Parker.....	125.00	3.75	128.75	Granite Savings Bank, Milford, N. H.	None	J. E. Fitzgerald.	Nothing needed.....	128.75
June 15, 1908	Almira L. Dascomb...	100.00	1.50	101.50	Granite Savings Bank, Milford, N. H.	None	J. E. Fitzgerald.	No work done.....	101.50

We the undersigned hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing cemetery account of the town treasurer and find it correctly cast and properly vouchered.

GEO. G. BLANCHARD, }
ARTHUR C. YOUNG. } Auditors of Wilton.

WATER COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

In submitting our annual report your board of Water Commissioners are pleased to state that the system is no longer an experiment but is now on a paying basis, having paid operating expenses and interest on bonds with a substantial balance to its credit exclusive of hydrant service and watering troughs. 14 new services have been added during the year making a total to date of 198. Upon petition of the board of fire engineers we have installed a new hydrant on Russell street.

The summer of 1908 was an exceptionally dry one and our source of water supply was put to a most severe test, we deemed it wise to caution water takers against any unnecessary or extravagant use of water and desire to thank them for the kindly manner in which they responded to our request.

A moderate rain-fall coming at a most opportune time averted what might have been a serious water famine.

We are of the opinion and earnestly recommend that in view of the continued increase in the consumption of water some action should be taken toward establishing a storage reservoir to be available should an emergency occur.

We would also respectfully call your attention to a condition which exists at the dam. Water is leaking through in several places and while we do not believe the strength of the dam has been impaired it is our judgment that a portion of it should be reinforced with good cement as soon as practical.

The water commissioners acting in conjunction with the board of selectmen were unable to satisfactorily adjust the claims of Patterson & Sons for the diversion of water from their mill privilege and the case was tried before the

county commissioners resulting in a judgment against the town of $700 with costs of court added.

Respectfully submitted,

A. O. BARKER,
GEO. G. TOLFORD,
E. J. HOPKINS,

Water Commissioners.

GENERAL EXPENSE.

Paid Three commissioners, services	$75.00	
Geo. G. Tolford, stationery and cash	9.53	
Thomas Broderick, labor	3.15	
Geo. D. May and helpers, labor	156.85	
Rent of room	50.00	
D. E. Proctor, supplies	4.72	
		$299.25

SERVICE PIPES.

Paid A. D. Young, labor	$2.00	
Geo. D. May and helpers, labor	110.56	
C. B. Smith, labor on tools	3.95	
Marshall & Broderick, labor	11.30	
Chadwick, Boston Lead Co.	9.54	
H. Mueller Mfg. Co.	82.77	
Manchester Supply Co., pipe	32.25	
National Meter Co., meters	101.30	
Milford Water Works, hydrant	13.20	
		$366.87

PATTERSON CASE EXPENSE.

Paid James P. Tuttle, attorney for William N. and Walter C. Patterson, amount awarded for damages by county commissioners	$700.00	
James P. Tuttle, attorney, plaintiff's taxable costs...	106.20	
Ira W. Jones, witness fees and expenses	33.55	
Arthur W. Dudley, witness fees and expenses.....	26.09	
H. J. Kidder, manager, board of Messrs. Jones & Dudley	7.00	
Fees to seven (7) witnesses for defendant	10.19	
Frank E. Proctor, deputy sheriff, summoning witnesses	.98	
Telephone fees and telegrams	2.28	
Geo. E. Bales, services as attorney and expenses...	150.00	
Fees and expenses for three (3) county commissioners	116.80	
N. J. Quigley, horse hire...	4.50	
		$1,157.59

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

Total cost of water works previously reported	$51,662.82
Service pipes added 1908.....	366.87
Patterson case expenses.....	1,157.59
	$53,187.28

Less old pipe sold.....	96.85	
Total cost of water works.....		$53,090.43

STOCK ON HAND AND TOOLS PER INVENTORY.

Pipe line	$131.59	
Service pipe and tools.....	283.05	
Pipe and hydrant system.....	35.25	
		$449.89

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Received from E. A. French, old pipe	$2.80	
Geo. D. May, old pipe.....	16.25	
Campton Water Works, old pipe	77.80	
Meters sold	102.60	
Seven watering troughs.....	42.00	
Hydrant service	1,500.00	
Water takers	2,178.96	
		$3,920.41
Cash paid town treasurer.....		$3,920.41

INCOME ACCOUNT.

By receipts from 50 hydrants....	$1,500.00	
Watering troughs	42.00	
1907 water rentals	109.25	
1908 water rentals.....	2,069.71	
		$3,720.96

STATEMENT YEARS' INCOME EXCLUSIVE OF HYDRANT SERVICE AND WATERING TROUGHS.

Cr.

Received from rentals, 1908.....	$2,069.71	
Uncollected	52.25	
		$2,121.96

Dr.

Interest on bonds.....	$1,575.00	
General expense and care of pipe line	299.25	
Balance income for year.....	247.71	
		$2,121.96

SEWER COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

In the early spring the entire sewerage system was thoroughly tested out and two bad breaks were found caused by heavy stone being thrown upon the pipe when being covered up. These breaks were located with much trouble and considerable expense. The system at present we believe to be in perfect condition and in good working order.

Eight connections have been made during the year, making a total to date of 93.

GENERAL EXPENSE.

Paid Braman, Dow & Co., man hole covers	$20.36	
Wilton Woolen Co., labor..	1.00	
Geo. D. May, labor and helper	51.70	
		$73.06
Stock on hand.....		$80.20

Respectfully submitted,

A. O. BARKER,
GEO. G. TOLFORD,
E. J. HOPKINS,

Sewer Commissioners.

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Received from R. M. Moore, town treasurer, during current year		$299.38
The following sums have been expended:—		
Jerry Shea, labor	$10.50	
Micheal Griffin, labor	11.38	
Granville Stearns, labor	21.95	
J. E. Fitzgerald, labor	42.25	
Granville Stearns, cutting grass	46.00	
M. J. Shea, labor	2.23	
John Coffee, labor	2.00	
D. E. Proctor, supplies	13.50	
N. J. Quigley, team	3.25	
Fred W. Clark, two rakes	.50	
Geo. Nutter & Sons, nozzle	.60	
Kennedy Bros., team and labor	1.50	
Archie Thompson, labor	6.00	
Granville Stearns, labor	4.00	
		$165.66

CARE OF HEARSE.

John Barry, washing hearse	$3.50	
W. E. Foisie, duster	.60	
		$4.10

NEW ROAD 300 FEET.

D. Whiting & Sons, team, labor and gravel	$45.96	
F. W. Clark 35 loads hard pan	3.50	
Granville Stearns, labor	8.50	
M. J. Shea, labor	5.25	
J. E. Fitzgerald, labor	8.50	
		$71.71

NEW TOOL HOUSE.

D. Whiting & Sons, lumber.....	$30.80	
D. E. Proctor, supplies.....	5.61	
M. J. Herlihy, window frame.....	1.00	
Granville Stearns, labor.....	11.00	
Fred Willett, labor.....	1.75	
J. E. Fitzgerald, labor.....	6.00	
N. J. Quigley, team.....	.75	
E. P. Fitzgerald, labor.....	1.00	
		$57.91
		$299.38

There remains in the hands of the committee $19.01, the unexpended balance from the appropriation for resetting stones. There has been no occasion to draw upon this fund during the past year.

It will be seen by the foregoing statement that seventy-one dollars and seventy-one cents was expended for three hundred feet of new road in the village cemetery, which is quite an improvement to the yard; and also fifty-seven dollars and ninety-one cents for the building of a new tool-house, which seemed to be very desirable and necessary; and as the committee were able to do this within the appropriation, they thought it a wise expenditure.

The grounds of the various cemeteries have been well kept, and are in an improved condition. There are no outstanding bills contracted by the committee. All of the income from the special deposits for individual lots, as seemed necessary, has been expended, and all of these lots are in good condition.

The committee have been able to keep their expenditures within the amount appropriated, leaving a slight balance on hand, and suggest that the usual sum of three hundred dollars for the general care of all of the ceme-

teries in town, be raised. This amount, we think, properly distributed and expended, will be sufficient to keep the cemeteries in their present good condition.

CHARLES H. BURNS,
DAVID WHITING,
JOHN E. FITZGERALD,

Cemetery Committee.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS' REPORT

Our annual report to the citizens of Wilton is as follows:—

We have added to our equipment two new hose carts at an expense for carts and painting of one hundred ten dollars. Installed at steam mill of D. Whiting & Sons, a large steam whistle to be used exclusively for a fire alarm at an expense of sixty dollars.

The department answered to twenty calls during the year. Our summary of loss and property involved is as follows:

Fire loss on buildings	$1,829.36
On buildings valued at	5,300.00
Insurance carried on same	2,800.00
Insurance paid	29.36
Fire loss on personal property	310.00
Property valued at	3,450.00
Insured for	2,300.00
Insurance paid	60.00

The total loss of the farm buildings at John Gibbon's place, with no insurance makes a dark sheet on what would otherwise be an excellent report for the year.

We made several efforts the past year to sell Excelsior handtub, but hope this can be done this year.

Our present urgent needs are:—A slight change in the construction of No. 1 hose cart and a coat of paint on the same. Six or more hand chemicals are needed at once as some of the old ones are all in, and they are a valuable fire fighter.

We would like to equip our department with the new hose couplings, which are instantaneous in action and

would cost about fifty dollars for our present needs.

We thank the public for their cooperation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. HERLIHY,
F. E. PROCTOR,
D. M. BRENNAN,

Board of Engineers.

REPORT OF THE FIRE WARDEN.

The past year has been a very serious lesson to our citizens in respect to forest fires.

Eleven times the fire warden has called for assistance. Summary as follows:—

No. of acres burned over	203
Damage to lumber and growth	$915.00
Cash paid for assistance and transportation	177.51
Cash received of town	170.01
Cash received of Whitcomb Mfg. Co.	7.50

This does not include assistance paid for by B. & M. R. R. where fires were caused by their engines or servants.

Citizens are asked not to burn brush or refuse in time of drouth and to assist the fire warden at all times to place the cause or blame for a forest fire. This is essential to lessen the expense and annoyance of brush fires.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. HERLIHY,

Fire Warden.

THE SPALDING FUND

Your trustees report that the above fund is invested as follows:—

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R. 1st mortgage 4s.....	$5,000.00	
Interest at 4 per cent. due from Oct. 1, 1908.....		
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R. adjustment 4s.....	2,100.00	
(Temporary investment) interest due at 4 per cent. from Jan. 1, 1909.....		
Loan C. F. Melendy, real estate mortgage	1,500.00	
Interest at 6 per cent. due from Feb. 1, 1909.....		
Loan H. O. Stickney, real estate mortgage	1,400.00	
Interest at 6 per cent. due from Oct. 21, 1908.....		
		$10,000.00

INCOME.

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R.	$284.00	
C. F. Melendy.....	90.00	
H. O. Stickney.....	84.00	
		$458.00

PAYMENTS.

Mrs. May K. Barrett, district treasurer	$458.00

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. PROCTOR,
GEO. G. BLANCHARD,
ISAAC S. WHITING,

Committee.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

CHARLES H. BURNS, President.
GEORGE G. BLANCHARD, Treasurer and Secretary.
D. E. PROCTOR, GEORGE E. BALES, DANIEL CRAGIN,
Trustees.

MARY N. ABBOT, Librarian.

The nineteenth report of the librarian of the Wilton Public Library for the year ending Feb. 15, 1909.

To the Trustees, Gentlemen:—I submit the following report:—

ACCESSIONS.

No. of volumes in the library Feb. 15, 1908	7,074	
Accessions by purchase	5	
Accessions by bound periodicals	41	
Accessions by gift	168	
Whole number of volumes Feb. 15, 1909		7,288

CIRCULATION.

Number days open	82	
Number of volumes given out	5,656	
Number of periodicals taken	2,220	
		7,876
Average circulation	96	
Money from fines	$22.22	

BOOKS DONATED.

United States Government	7
Samuel H. Adams	1

Mrs. Levi Putnam	18	
Family of Admiral Walker	109	
Mrs. Almira Dascombe	6	
Mrs. Phebe Putnam	6	
George L. Raymond	3	
A friend	6	
D. E. Proctor	7	
Miss E. H. Abbott	3	
Charles A. Emerson	1	
Singer Manufacturing Co	1	
		168

PERIODICALS DONATED.

Wilton Journal, Nashua Telegraph and The Protectionist by the publishers. The Christian Register by The Woman's Alliance. Our Dumb Animals by Mrs. Mary Langdell. The Christian Endeavor World by the Y. P. S. C. E. The Temperance Banner, Crusader Monthly and Water Lily by the W. C. T. U. Our Fourfooted Friends by a friend. The Christian Science Sentinel and Christian Science Monthly by friends. The Missionary Herald by Miss Emily H. Abbot.

The moving of the library into the new building, the re-cataloging of the books, and the change of the charging system have interrupted the work of the past year. The library was closed for some weeks, also partially closed for a longer period, which accounts for a smaller number of books and periodicals being given out than usual.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY N. ABBOT,

Librarian.

TREASURER'S REPORT

George G. Blanchard, Treasurer, In account with Wilton Public Library.

Dr.

Balance on hand from last year..	$289.29	
Town appropriation.....	1,500.00	
George O. Whiting, balance from bond purchase	268.89	
Concord & Montreal R. R., dividend on 4 shares.....	28.00	
Fines	22.22	
		$2,108.40

Cr.

Miss M. N. Abbot, salary.....	$321.64
Miss M. N. Abbot, supplies.....	3.68
Miss Annie B. Brown, services...	537.35
Miss Tolford and Miss Putnam, services	46.44
G. E. Bales, insurance.....	61.38
D. Whiting & Sons, coal, wood and sundries	213.78
W. P. Putnam, janitor.....	333.33
W. P. Putnam, supplies.....	3.75
Dedication expenses	124.50
D. E. Proctor, supplies.....	41.16
Yawman & Erbe, cabinets.....	182.75
Yawman & Erbe, supplies.....	6.00
H. L. Emerson, janitor.....	20.00
P. J. Abbot Co., gas.....	57.28
M. J. Herlihy, labor.....	31.91
Library Bureau, supplies.....	71.50

Gaylord Bros., supplies	14.57	
Wilton Telephone Co.	9.20	
H. P. Ring, printing	2.60	
J. P. Melzer, printing	1.50	
L. B. Nutting, labor	1.00	
F. B. Sanborn, labor	1.00	
J. Gage, labor	1.50	
T. Broderick, labor	2.37	
C. E. Lauriat, books	1.07	
		$2,091.26
Balance on hand		$17.14

George G. Blanchard, Treasurer, in Account with George A. Newell Fund.

Dr.

Concord & Montreal R. R., dividend on 18 shares		$126.00

Cr.

L. H. Baldwin, magazines	$55.70	
F. J. Barnard, binding magazines	27.30	
H. W. Wilson, books	16.00	
H. H. Metcalf, books	25.50	
C. E. Lauriat, books	1.50	
		$126.00

GEO. G. BLANCHARD,
Treasurer.

Approved:—

GEORGE E. BALES,
Finance Committee.

POLICE COURT

RECEIPTS.

Fines and fees, Feb. 15, 1908, to Feb. 15, 1909	$159.46

DISBURSEMENTS,

Paid Geo. E. Bales, fees as justice of the peace	$37.50	
Thomas Cooley, officer's fees	29.96	
Frank E. Proctor, officer's fees	15.02	
J. L. Carroll, damages allowed	15.00	
Various parties for assistance to officers	3.00	
Various parties witness fees	2.98	
R. M. Moore, town treasurer, fines imposed	56.00	
		$159.46

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. BALES.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEO. G. BLANCHARD,
ARTHUR C. YOUNG,

Auditors for the Town of Wilton.

SEXTON'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1908.

Date.		Name of Deceased.	Age. years.	Months.	Days.	Place of Death.	Place of Burial.
Jan.	1	Fred Scoare	55			Wilton	Wilton
	2	Joseph Paro Fortier	60	2	22	Wilton	Wilton
	3	Infant Davidson				Wilton	Wilton
	9	Mary A. Richardson	92	10	9	Wilton	Wilton
	25	Robert H. Glading	49	11		Wilton	Wilton
	25	Barbara Olive Stevens	1	5	7	Nashua, N. H.	Wilton
Feb.	19	Levi Putnam	89	2	15	Wilton	Wilton
Mar.	22	Donald E. Putnam	3	9	26	Wilton	Lyndeboro
	27	Sarah A. True	87	8	3	Wilton	Chester
Apr.	5	Infant Moore				Wilton	Wilton
	10	Almira Dascomb	80	4	14	Wilton	Wilton
	13	Jane Killkelly	58	4	2	Wilton	Amherst
	24	William T. Gates		3	24	Worcester, Mass.	Wilton
	28	Mary A. Herrick	68	4	13	Lynn, Mass.	Wilton
May	9	William W. Burton	71	5	25	Wilton	Temple
	8	Augusta E. Blanchard	47			Lowell, Mass.	Wilton
June	30	Charles A. Bales	73	4	5	Wilton	Wilton
Jnly	12	Mary T. McKeeman	67	4	10	No. Andover, Mass	Wilton
	18	Mary E. Goss	64	5	17	Wilton	Nashua
	21	Henry P. Woodle	13	5	10	Melrose, Mass.	Wilton
Aug.	2	Alfred J. Quigley	21	1	15	Wilton	Keene
	4	Gilman R. Mansur	78	8	16	Grassmere, N. H.	Wilton
	7	Elijah Putnam	76		18	Wilton	Wilton
	10	Mary Mahoney		10	6	Wilton	Wilton
	17	Degland Morrissey	49			Wilton*	Wilton
	22	Catherine O'Neil.	68			Concord, N. H.	Wilton
	23	Roy W. Elliott		3	24	Wilton	Mason
	23	William F. Dillon	49	11	28	Wilton	Wilton
	26	Augustus W. Nutting	68		22	Wilton	Wilton
	30	Mary Fairfield			4	Wilton	Wilton
Sept.	3	Harry M. Cain	27	6	2	Wilton	Wilton
	4	Thomas B. Flynn		4	5	Chelsea, Mass.	Wilton
	15	Lawrence E. Dillon	71	3	6	Somerville, Mass.	Wilton
	18	James Gallivan	43			Cambridge, Mass.	Wilton
	23	E. Ann Davis	69	8	30	Wilton	Effingham
Oct.	17	Everett F. Hutchinson	27	5	2	Milford	Wilton
Nov.	1	Frank Nelson	32		8	Wilton	Amherst
	6	William Ray Benson		3	19	Lyndeboro, N. H.	Wilton
	20	Henry F. Matthews	68			Detroit, Mich.	Wiltou
Dec.	15	Samantha B. May	73	6	13	Wilton	Gardner, Mass.
	20	Adaline L. Blood	80	5	5	Wilton	Wilton
	28	Mason D. Carpenter		3	13	Wilton	Surry
	30	Bridget McWalters	71			Wilton	Wilton

* Found dead.

J. E. FitzGerald, Sexton.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF WILTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1908.

Date.	Name of the Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition. M. or F.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of Child.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Jan. 3	Infant Davidson	F	S	1	David Davidson	Elisia Oyala	Wilton, N. H.	Laborer	Finland	Finland
" 23	Mary C. D. Martin	F	L	12	Joseph Martin	Annie Belmond	" "	"	Canada	Canada
" 31	Beatrice L. Purdy	F	L	3	Edmund M. Purdy	Luna F. Andrews	" "	Lumber dealer	Bear River, N. S.	Claremont, N. H.
Feb. 6	Roger A. Atwood	M	L	2	William O. Atwood	Nora T. Sullivan	" "	Cabinet maker	Warwick, Mass.	Lowell, Mass.
Mar. 2	Sherwood C. Nichols	M	L	2	Rufus S. Nichols	Edwina Cloutman	" "	Express agent	Woburn, Mass.	Farmington, N. H
" 30	St'nislanaOrzechowski	F	L	7	John Orzechowski	Paulina Organek	" "	Laborer	Poland	Poland
" 31	Mary I Paro	F	L	9	Joseph Paro	Mary Cherbeno	" "	Mill operative	New Ipswich, N. H	Greenville, N. H.
Apr. 1	Infant Putnam	M	S	4	Eldon Putnam	Lucy V. Gray	" "	Farmer	Townsend, Mass.	Wilton, N. H.
" 5	Infant Moore	M	S	1	Arthur A. Moore	Hattie L. Putnam	" "	Clerk	Warwick, Mass.	" "
" 17	Genevene Johnston	F	L	3	Frederick R. Johnston	Jennie Bennett	" "	Wool sorter	England	Scotland
" 27	Dominick L. Perrault	M	L	1	Louis A. Perrault	Anna E. Fallon	" "	Mill operative	Londonderry, N. H	Ashuelot, N. H.
" 29	Donald F. Ward	M	L	8	Ralph W. Ward	Lizzie C. Spaulding	" "	Farmer	Charlestown, N. H	Wilton, N. H.
" 29	Roy W. Elliot	M	L	6	Charles Elliot	Emma K. Wheeler	" "	Laborer	Nashua, N. H.	Greenfield, N. H.
May 25	Lillian M. Sullivan	F	L	3	Patrick F. Sullivan	Maryrose C. Liberty	" "	Blacksmith	Holyoke, Mass	Wilton, N. H.
June 5	——— Hejack	M	L	3	Joseph Hejack	Annie ———	" "	Mill operative	Austria	Austria
July 4	James L. Sheldon	M	L	1	Charles E. Sheldon	Rosa Labelle	" "	Farmer	Wilton, N. H.	Quebec, Can.
" 14	Catherine E. Th'mpson	F	L	7	John J. Thompson	Christine Sinclair	" "	Mechanic	Scotland	Scotland
" 18	William R. Benson	M	L	2	William Benson	Blanche Piersons	" "	Barber	Elmira, N. Y.	New Boston
" 22	Catherine A. Pelletier	F	L	3	Joseph Pelletier	Margaret Varley	" "	Section hand	Milford, N. H.	Wilton
" 30	Margaret A. Berube	F	L	7	Joseph Berube, Jr.	Jennie Bressor	" "	Laborer	Canada	Brandon, Vt.
Aug. 26	John H. Frye	M	L	5	Charles E. Frye	Bertha Osborne	" "	Farmer	Wilton, N. H.	Palmyra, N. Y.
" 26	Thelma I. Woods	F	L	1	Alfred C. Woods	Jessie Cowan	Boston, Mass.	Clerk	Kent, Eng.	New Castle, Eng.
" 26	Mary Fairfield	F	L	1	Albert Fairfield	Myra Sylvester	Wilton, N. H.	R. R. fireman	Milford, N. H	Greenfield, N. H.
Sept. 8	Hamilton L. Davis	M	L	1	Frank L. Davis	Eva H. Putman	" "	Clerk woolen mill	Burlington, Vt.	Wilton, N. H.
" 14	Edith E. Broderick	F	L	5	Thomas T. Broderick	Flora A. Sinclair	" "	Plumber	Milford, N. H.	Lancaster, Mass.
" 15	Mason D. Carpenter	M	L	6	Arthur M. Carpenter	Eva L. Edgell	" "	S. Mill operative	Surrey, N. H.	Chester, Vt.
" 24	Walter H. Herlihy	M	L	5	Henry P. Herlihy	Maud Kendall	" "	Clerk in market.	Wilton, N. H.	Ireland
Oct. 1	Walter Liberty	M	L	3	Stephen O. Liberty	Rose Gregoire	" "	Painter	" "	Harrisville, N. H.
" 1	Clifford S. Schultz	M	L	4	Hugo O. Schultz	Minnie Young	" "	Mechanic	Pascoag, R. I.	Wilton, N. H.
" 9	——— Wolkeneski	F	L	1	Joseph Wolkenski		" "	Mill operative	Russia	Russia
Nov. 12	Cecil A. McVay	M	L	2	Ambrose G. McVay	Marie Metz	" "	Clergyman	Hudson, S. Dakota	Freeport, Ill.
" 20	Harry M. Dermody	M	L	4	John E. Dermody	Annie B. Cain	" "	Mill operative	Milford, N. H.	Wilton, N. H.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

EDWIN A. FRENCH, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF WILTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1908.

Date.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days.	Place of Birth.	Sex and Condition. Male.	Female.	Color.	Sin. mar. or wid.	Occupation.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Disease, or Cause of Death.
Jan. 1	Fred Scoare	55	..	..	Norway	M	..	W	M	Shoemaker			Heart disease
" 2	Joseph Paro Fortier	60	2	22	S.Hy'c'the, Can	"	..	"	"	Laborer			Heart disease
" 3	Infant Davidson	..	..	..	Wilton, N. H.	..	F	"	S		David Davidson	Elisia Oyala	Stillborn
" 9	Mary Ann Richardson	92	10	9	Sutton, N. H.	.	"	"	"	Housekeeper	Daniel Richardson	Bathshaba Flint	Apoplexy
" 25	Robert H. Glading	49	11	..	Philadelphia	M	..	"	"	Painter	George Glading	Harriet Elkins	Pneumonia
" 25	Barbara O. Stevens	1	5	7	Wilton, N. H.	..	F	"	"		Albert B. Stevens.	Mary C. Harvey	Double pneumonia
Feb. 19	Levi Putnam	89	2	15	" "	M	..	"	M	Manufacturer	Aaron K. Putnam.	Polly Shattuck	Apoplexy
Mar. 22	Donald E. Putnam	3	9	26	" "	"	..	"	S		Charles E. Putnam	Minda A. Buswell.	Meningitis
" 27	Sarah A. True	87	8	3	Chester, N. H.	..	F	"	W	Housekeeper	John Morse	Judith Hardy	Apoplexy
April 1	Infant Putnam	..	..	..	Wilton, N. H.	M	..	"	S		Eldon Putnam	Lucy V. Gray	Dystocia
" 5	Infant Moore	..	..	..	" "	"	..	"	"		Arthur A. Moore	Hattie L. Putnam.	Stillborn
" 10	Almira Dascombe	80	4	14	" "	..	F	"	W	Housekeeper	Asa Jones	Lucy Flint	Erysipelas
" 13	Jane Killkelly	58	4	2	Ireland	..	"	"	M	Housekeeper	Martin Cain	Mary Reynolds	Disease of liver
" 24	William T. Gates	..	3	24		M	..	"	S				Bronchitis
" 28	Mary A. Herrick	68	4	13		..	F	"					Pneumonia
May 8	Augusta E. Blanchard	47	..	..		..	"	"					Crebral tumor
" 9	William W. Burton	71	5	25	Lyn'boro, N. H	M	..	"	M	Farmer	Dexter Burton	Clarissa Spofford	Nephritis
June 30	Charles A. Bales	73	4	5	Wilton, N. H.	"		"	"	Blacksmith	John Bales	Milly Shattuck	Nephritis
July 12	Mary F McKeeman	67	4	10		..	F	"					Cancer of stomach
" 18	Mary E. Goss	64	5	17	Nashua, N. H.	..	"	"	S	Housekeeper	Joseph W. Goss	Martha E.	Disease of kidneys
" 21	Henry P. Woodle	13	5	10		M	..	"	"				Accidental drowning
Aug. 2	Alfred Quigley	21	1	15	Ashuelot, N. H	"	..	"	"	Clerk	Michael Quigley	Eliza Murphy	Nephritis
" 4	Gilman R. Mansur	78	8	16		"	..	"	W				Senile debility
" 7	Elijah Putman	76	..	18	Lyn'boro, N. H	"	F	"	"	Stone mason			Disease of kidneys
" 10	Mary Mahoney	..	10	6	Wilton, N. H.	..	"	"	S		Dan'l W. Mahoney	Ella McLaughlin	Cholera infantum
" 17	Degland Morrisey	49	..	..		M	..	"	..		William Morrisey.	Mary Hayes	Natural causes
" 22	Katherine O'Neil	68	..	..		..	F	"	W	Housekeeper			Exhaustion
" 23	Roy W. Elliott	..	3	24	Wilton, N. H.	M	..	"	S		Charles E. Elliott.	Emma R. Wilson	Cholera infantum
" 23	William F. Dillon	49	11	28	" "	"	F	"	"	Mill operative.	John Dillon	Catherine Barry	Consumption
" 26	Augustus W. Nutting	68	..	22	Mason, N. H.	"	..	"	M	Mason	Eli Nutting	Lydia	Concer of rectum
" 30	Mary Fairfield	..	..	4	Wilton, N. H.	..	F	"	S		Albert E. Fairfield	Myra Sylvester	Congental disease

Sept.	3	Harry M. Cain	27	6	2	Wilton, N. H.	M	..	W	M	Clerk	Andrew J. Cain	Margaret Shea	Diabetes
"	4	Thomas B. Flynn	..	4	5	Chelsea, Mass.	"	..	"	S			Nellie Hickey	Intestinal indigestion
"	15	Lawrence E. Dillon	71	3	6		"	..	"					Valvular disease of heart.
"	18	James Gallivan	43	..	..		"	..	"					Brights disease
"	23	E. Ann Davis	69	8	30	East Burke, Vt	..	F	"	W	Housekeeper	Lewis Jenkins		Apoplexy
Oct.	17	Everett F. Hutchinson	27	5	2	Wilton, N. H.	M	..	"	M	Carpenter	J. H. Hutchinson	Caroline Cowan	Typhoid fever
Nov.	1	Frank Nelson	32	..	8	Gre'nv'lle, N.H	"	..	"	S	Mill operative	Frank Nelson	Bridget Gill	Nephritis
"	9	Emma Doucette	53	..	..		..	F	"	M		Hecker Doucette		Typhoid fever
"	6	William R. Benson	..	3	19	Wilton, N. H.	M	..	"	S		William Benson	Blanche Pierson	Malnutrition
"	20	Henry F. Matthews	68	..	..		"	..	"	M				Heart disease
Dec.	15	Samantha B. May	73	6	13	Woburn, Mass.	..	F	"	"	Housewife	Obidiah Badger	Maria Cutler	Broncho Pneumonia
"	20	Adaline L. Blood	80	5	5	Amherst, N. H	..	"	"	"	Housewife	Mark D. Landell	Lucy Whipple	Bronchitis
"	28	Mason D. Carpenter	..	3	11	Wilton, N. H.	M	..	"	S		A. M. Carpenter	Eva L. Edgell	Bronchitis
"	30	Bridget McWalters	71	..	..	Ireland	..	F	"	W	Housewife.	Michael Killkelly.	Ann Melody	Apoplexy

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

EDWIN A. FRENCH, *Town Clerk.*

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF WILTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1908.

	Place of Marriage	Name aud Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in Years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Birthplace of Each.	Name of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Times married.	Name, Residence, and Official Station of Person by whom Married.
4	Wilton..	Isaac Seppala.....	Wilton, N.H.	27	W	Laborer	Finland	John and Hedvik.....	Finland.....	Farmer..	1	Rev. Ray S. Hubbard,
	Wilton..	Hilma Luoma.....	Wilton, N.H.	20	"	Mill Operative	Finland	Valentin and Helvik..	Finland.....	Farmer.....	1	Wilton, N. H.
1	Wilton..	Alexander Wesoja....	Wilton, N.H.	21	"	Laborer	Finland	Alexander and Brit'ka	Finland.....	Laborer.	1	Rev. A. G. McVay,
25	Wilton..	John Heinonen.....	Wilton, N.H.	25	"	Mill Operative	Finland	Yaihan and Yosfina...	Finland.....	.....	1	Wilton, N. H.
	Wilton..	Hilja Kivisto.....	Wilton, N.H.	21	"	Stone Cutter..	Finland	Eirke and Mary.....	Finland.....	Farmer.....	1	Rev. A. G. McVay,
0	Wilton..	Joseph S. Keyes.....	Wilton, N.H.	24	"	Mill Operative	Finland.....	Matti and Lusa.....	Finland.....	Farmer.....	1	Wilton, N. H.
	Wilton..	Florence Whitcomb...	Temple, N.H	34	"	Farmer.....	Wilton, N. H.....	John and Betsey.....	Wilton, N. H.....	Farmer.....	1	Rev. I. H. Beman,
1	Wilton..	Rudolph J. Jarest.....	Wilton, N.H.	21	"	Housekeeper..	Temple, N. H.	James and Abbie.....	Boston, Francestown.	Farmer.....	1	Wilton, N. H.
	Wilton..	Angelina Gandion.....	Wilton, N.H.	21	"	Butcher.....	Canada.....	Peter and Soffie	Canada.....	Butcher	1	Rev. John A. Beltord,
0	Wilton..	George F. McCarthy..	Wilton, N.H.	20	"	Housekeeper..	Canada.....	Philip..... ...	Canada	Farmer.....	1	Laconia, N. H.
	Wilton..	Minnie Dupuis.....	Hinsdale, "	24	"	Clerk.....	Wilton, N H.....	Cornelius and Cather'e	Cambridge and Ireland	Retired.....	1	Rev. P. J. Scott,
9	Wilton..	Henry M. Thompson..	Wilton, N.H.	21	"	Mill Operative	College Hill, N. B.	Thomas and Sarah.....	New Brunswick.....	Farmer.....	1	Wilton, N. H.
	Wilton..	Eva S. Keyes.....	Wilton, N.H.	58	"	Laborer	Malden, Mass.....	James and Sarah.....	Ireland and Stoddard.	Printer	1	Rev. I. H. Beman,
4	Wilton..	Clarence M. Magoon\.	Wilton, N.H.	48	"	Housekeerer ..	Wilton, N. H.....	John and Betsey	Temple and Lyndeboro	Farmer	1	Wilton, N. H.
	Wilton..	Olive Richardson.....	Wilton, N.H.	31	"	Cabinet Maker	Francestown, N.H.	Myron and Susan.	W. Topsham, Vt.....	Farmer	2	Rev. A. G. McVay,
0	Wilton..	Walter B. Ayers	Wilton, N.H.	21	"	Housekeeper..	Lyndeboro	William and Minnie...	Lyndeboro, N. H.....	Farmer	1	Wilton, N. H.
	Wilton..	Emma M. Soucey.....	Milford,N.H.	26	"	Mill Operative	Wilton, N. H.....	Edmund and Margaret	Ireland	....	1	Rev. P. J. Scott,
				20	"	Mill Operative	Canada	Frank and Margaret..	Canada	Farmer	1	Wilton, N. H.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

EDWIN A. FRENCH, *Town Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee,

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

AND

SPECIAL TEACHERS

OF THE TOWN OF

Wilton, New Hampshire.

For the Year Ending February 15, 1909.

Organization of the School Committee, Wilton, New Hampshire.

1908-1909

SCHOOL BOARD.

STANLEY M. ABBOT, Chairman.

MAY K. BARRETT, Secretary and Treasurer.

RICHARD M. MOORE.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

JOHN BACON, Milford, N. H.

TRUANT OFFICER.

THOMAS COOLEY.

JANITOR HIGH SCHOOL.

ALFRED WELLS.

WILTON DISTRICT SCHOOLS

PRESENT TEACHING FORCE.

Mr. Guy C. Blodgett.....Principal High School.

Miss Katherine E. O'Brien .....Assistant High School.

Miss Mabel W. Foster.....Assistant High School.

Mrs. Jessie L. Charman.....Grades IX, VIII.
Miss Alice F. Herlihy.....Grades VII, VI.
Miss Ella H. Smith.....Grades V, IV.
Miss Sarah A. Jones.....Grades III, II.
Miss Lucy S. Blanchard.....Grades II, I.
Miss Mary W. Keyes.....Abbot Hill.
Miss Bessie Rolfe.....West.
Miss Annie M. Curtis.....Intervale.
Miss Marion M. Hartshorn.....Davisville.
Miss Caroline E. Tandy.....Center.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1909-1910

Winter Term of all schools close March 12.

SPRING TERM:—

High School, (11 weeks.)	April 5—June 18.
Village Grades, (10 weeks.)	April 5—June 11.
Rural Schools, (9 weeks.)	April 12—June 11.

FALL TERM:—

All Schools, (14 weeks.) Sept. 7—Dec. 17.
(One week vacation at Thanksgiving.)

WINTER TERM:—

All Schools, (11 weeks.) Dec. 27—March 12, 1910.

HOLIDAYS:—

Decoration Day, Labor Day, Washington's Birthday.

LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR:—

High School, 36 weeks.
Village Grades, 35 weeks.
Rural Schools, 34 weeks.

NO SESSION SIGNALS:—

Four short blasts—interval and 4 blasts repeated at 8 a. m.
Same signal for no session in afternoon at 12.30 p. m.

FIRE DRILL:—

Once each in first and third weeks of each month.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

The board are pleased to be able to report creditable progress during the past year. At the end of the last school year a number of changes were made in the teaching force.

Some became necessary by resignation, others seemed, on the whole, advisable for the best interests of the work. It was with great reluctance that some changes were made. However, no one can truly serve his community without recognizing its claims as paramount to personal consideration.

The changes made were the result of much care and correspondence, and the board feels well satisfied with the work in its present hands. It is not too much to say that we consider each teacher now on the force, deserving of especial commendation for the interest and devotion manifest in the work, as well as the progress shown.

The combined boards of Milford, Amherst and Wilton, spent much time in selecting the successor to Mr. C. H. Drown who resigned in July and several candidates were interviewed and Mr. John Bacon finally engaged. Mr. Bacon has a thorough knowledge of teaching methods and is accomplishing much for all our schools. The number of pupils in the outside schools are maintained except in the Kimball District where the moving away of one family reduced the number to below the minimum for a school. Those remaining were sent to the Greenville schools this town paying tuition and transportation.

Some minor repairs and alterations have been made in outside houses during the past year; others will have to be made to save the buildings.

The village school building should be painted.

It is to be regretted that more of our young people do not continue their studies through the High school course. Parents and pupils should realize that they have here in our High school, at small cost to them an opportunity for education equal to any in the State. While it is true many have succeeded in life, with but little early education, it is equally true that their success has been attained by hard wearisome toil, and their burden would have been much lighter could they have had the advantages offered every young person today, through our Wilton schools.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY H. ABBOTT,
MAY K. BARRETT,
R. M. MOORE.
School Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Account of Wilton School District for the Year Ending February 15, 1909.

DR.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1908.....	$551.50	
Received from town treasurer..	6,500.00	
Fred Savage, tuition.....	3.75	
Mrs. May Tay, tuition.....	23.00	
Edward E. Babb, refund.....	3.13	
Charles E. Merrill, refund...	4.31	
L. E. Knott, refund.....	15.16	
Willard Rose, tuition.....	20.00	
R. M. Moore, interest on Hannah Howard fund.....	42.65	
Herbert Crosby, tuition.....	6.00	
Geo. B. Wright, tuition.....	10.50	
Linan Chute, tuition.....	8.25	
Spaulding fund	458.00	
Stephen Robinson, tuition...	4.00	
Frank Burby, tuition.....	17.50	
Lyndeboro (town of), tuition	66.50	
Harrisville(town of), tuition	7.00	
Temple (town of), tuition...	6.75	
Greenfiled (town of), tuition	34.00	
Proportion of Supt. salary...	250.00	
Dog tax	252.17	
Literary fund	224.28	
		$8,508.45

AMOUNT PAID INSTRUCTORS.

Paid W. E. Kinney.....	$330.54
Amy Dorset	154.00

Paid Mary C. Goodhue	$168.00	
Ella H. Smith	400.00	
Pearl M. Pillsbury	143.00	
Alice F. Herlihy	361.00	
Edith Jerome	130.00	
Lucy S. Blanchard	361.00	
Annie Curtis	306.00	
Mabel Hill	108.00	
Mary W. Keyes	274.50	
Marion Hartshorn	282.50	
Julia Fernald	24.00	
Mabel Duncklee	96.00	
Guy C. Blodgett	466.62	
Katherine E. O'Brien	231.00	
Eva Hammond	110.00	
Jessie L. Charman	273.00	
Sarah A. Jones	220.50	
Bessie Rolfe	189.00	
Caroline E. Tandy	178.50	
Alice Putnam	22.00	
Mabel W. Foster	94.60	
		$4,923.76

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for Books	$306.56
Supplies	193.25
Miscellaneous	60.17
Fuel	392.50
Repairs	78.47
Telephone	17.60
Cleaning school houses	19.20
Insurance	134.00
Printing	13.10
C. H. Drown, supplies	12.34
Janitor, town hall	7.00

Paid Premium on bond	$39.72	
M. E. Kenney, freight and teaming	2.89	
American Express	5.25	
Wilton Water Works.....	23.95	
		$1,306.00

JANITORS.

Paid W. P. Putnam.....	$80.00	
Alfred Wells	332.50	
Rural janitors	47.25	
		$459.75

SUPERINTENDENT.

Paid R. M. Moore, proportion of Supt. salary		$500.00

TRANSPORTATION.

Paid N. Coughlin, pupils.....	$240.00	
Erland Batchelder, pupils..	60.00	
Charles White, music teacher	75.00	
N. Quigley	3.00	
C. T. Wheeler, (Batchelder children)	42.40	
		$420.40

TUITION.

Paid Greenville		$49.60

SALARIES.

Paid S. H. Abbot, member of board	$50.00	
May K. Barret, member of board	50.00	
R. M. Moore, member of board	37.50	

Paid Harold Bales, enumerating census	$10.00	
Thomas Cooley, truant officer	10.00	
May K. Barrett, treasurer of district	25.00	
		$182.50

SUMMARY.

Paid Instructors	$4,923.76	
Miscellaneous	1,306.00	
Janitors	459.75	
Superintendent	500.00	
Transportation	420.40	
Tuition	49.60	
Salaries	182.50	
		$7,842.01
Amount received	$8,508.45	
Amount paid out	7,842.01	
Cash on hand		$666.44

MAY K. BARRETT,
Treasurer Wilton School District.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account of the District Treasurer and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEO. G. BLANCHARD,
ARTHUR C. YOUNG,
Auditors for the School District of Wilton.

REPORT OF SUPERVISORY DISTRICT OF MILFORD, WILTON AND AMHERST

R. M. Moore, Treasurer, for the Fiscal Year Ending February 15, 1909.

DR.

Received from Treasurer C. A. Langdell of Milford.....	$700.00	
Treasurer R. M. Moore and May K. Barrett of Wilton	500.00	
Treasurer W. W. Sloan and E. K. Best of Amherst....	300.00	
		$1,500.00

CR.

By cash paid C. H. Drown, Supt..	$671.28	
John Bacon, Supt.....	828.72	
		$1,500.00

R. M. MOORE,
Treasurer of District.

We hereby certify that we have examined the above report of Treasurer of Supervisory District of Milford, Wilton and Amherst and find it correctly cast and properly vouchered.

GEO. G. BLANCHARD,
ARTHUR C. YOUNG,
Auditors of Wilton, N. H.

R. M. Moore, Treasurer, in Account with the Investment of the Hannah Howard School Endowment Fund.

DR.

Received from town treasurer for investment	$1,800.00
Interest to July 20, 1908.....	42.65

Treasurer of school district to pay premiums on bonds		$39.72	
			$1,882.37

Cr.

By cash paid for 1 B., C. & M. 3 1-2 per cent. bond due June 1, 1920, No. 258 at 93 1-2...		$935.00	
Less interest to Dec. 1, 1908	$12.64		
Less 1-4 per cent....	2.50		
		15.14	
Net			$919.86
By cash paid for 1 C. & M. 3 1-2 bond due June 1, 1920, No. 259 at 93 1-2		$935.00	
Less interest to Dec. 1, 1908	$12.64		
Less 1-4 per cent....	2.50		
		15.14	
Net			919.86
By cash paid May K. Bartlett, treasurer of school district...			42.65
			$1,882.37

R. M. MOORE,
Treasurer.

We the undersigned hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing Hanah E. Howard School Endowment Fund Account as rendered by the Town Treasurer and find it correctly cast and properly vouchered.

GEO. G. BLANCHARD,
ARTHUR C. YOUNG,
Auditors.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

If "no news is good news" then I have usually been greeted with good news on each visit to the Wilton schools. I have found the pupils well provided for, a splendid building at the village, and no country school crowded. The Primary room and some of the country schools were badly broken up during the fall term by whooping cough. The Abbott Hill school grew so small that there were more at home with whooping cough than at school, so all were allowed to return. The teacher in the Primary room has found it difficult to keep the children up to grade because of so many absences. The disease is bad enough to prevent work at school, yet not dangerous enough to make others shun it. For this reason it annoys a school much longer than would some more dangerous disease.

The School Board and Board of Health should have some understanding as to how contagious diseases are to be prevented from spreading in our schools. There is no better place to spread disease. The teachers should have authority to call a physician when ever she thinks best to do so. Teachers often suspect contagious diseases, yet do not call a physician because they do not care to pay him themselves, or feel that they do not have the authority to ask for an examination. An ideal way would be to have one physician whose duty it would be to visit schools and answer the teachers' calls for advice.

SIGHT AND HEARING TESTS.

It is remarkable how many children and grown people too, have defective sight yet do not know it. We become so accustomed to seeing objects as we do that we believe

others can see no better than we. Some students whose eyes were tested, who thought they could see as well as anyone, could not read letters at a distance of ten feet that others could at thirty feet.

During the fall term the teachers tested the sight and hearing of every pupil. This was not an examination of the eyes but simply a sight test. I wish to call attention to the records of these tests which parents will find on the report cards. These tests have called the attention of the teachers to certain pupils who should be seated near the blackboard or front of the room. I hope they have interested the parents. Many pupils fail of promotion because of imperfect vision. It is difficult for parents to decide to send a child to an occulist, perhaps because of a belief quite common that most occulists are swindlers or charge exorbitant prices. Even though they may be it is better than sending children to school handicapped by defective vision.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

The cost of books and supplies has been kept as small as possible so far this year; in fact smaller than it will be wise to keep this expense account for another year. If a town is well supplied with suitable books, maps, etc., it may expect to spend about $2.00 per pupil in order to keep up to that standard. If is is the wish of the School Board to make the supply a little better, then more than $2,00 must be appropriated. During any one year this account may be less, which will likely mean that the next year's account will be larger, considering, of course, that the money is well spent each year. It is false economy to hire teachers and not give them all the books necessary to work with, and I apologize to the Board for not providing for the teachers as I should because I have waited until the beginning of another financial year. It is not necessary to enumerate our wants in this report.

DRAWING.

As more of our pupils come into the village we should consider employing a teacher of drawing. This subject has developed so rapidly the last ten years that before long it will likely be a required subject for entering some higher schools, especially normal schools. There is no subject so difficult for the regular teachers. Recent graduates of good normal schools have had some training, but most of our teachers have had no training whatever.

This is an argument for consolidating our schools, as it would cost more to teach drawing in the country to 75 pupils than in the village to 225.

ENTERING AGE LAW.

Some do not think it wise to send children to school at five years of age. Others, only half believing in the advisability of sending them at that age, allow their children to stay at home for the slightest excuse. As a consequence many first grade pupils repeat the year. This means that the town must furnish two years instruction to advance the pupils one grade. You will find by consulting the table giving the number in each grade that there are 48 pupils in the first grade, compared with 23 in the second grade.

I believe it advisable to raise the entering age to six years. It is alright to send children to school at five or to a kindergarten much younger than that, but if money is needed elsewhere this is a place to save it.

EIGHT-GRADE SYSTEM.

In old fashioned ungraded schools each teacher advanced the pupils as he thought best, or as he thought pleased the influential patrons of his school. Under one teacher a pupil might be taken over what would now be termed two

or three years work in one year. Perhaps the next teacher would set this pupil farther back than where he started with the former teacher. The first teacher perhaps wished to make his reputation by advancing pupils rapidly and leaving before the crash came. The next teacher knew that in order to have easy teaching the subject must not be difficult for the pupils. And so we had the two extremes.

After schools were graded and pupils changed teachers every year, each teacher complained of the preparation of her pupils. She would have but little to do if all her pupils found the lessons easy. For the same reason each principal of an Academy or High School complained of the preparation given in the public schools. In order to satisfy these principals an extra year would be taken to prepare pupils for the Academy or high school. Then the principals, finding a class well prepared, would raise their requirements, and were ready by the next year to set up another howl about pupils being poorly prepared. Then the grammar schools would add another year, but soon the old complaint was heard as before.

I cannot say how far this could have been carried if the secondary schools had not needed pupils. When the reaction set in some towns were found with ten or even eleven years below the high school. The school systems of the central west were planned at about this time and they started out on an eight grade basis. When their high schools were developed people were surprised to find that some of their graduates entered college on examinations. Educators were horrified when Kansas City changed to a seven-grade system, with four years in the high school. And still some of the Kansas City graduates went to college. At that time some New Hampshire towns had ten years below the high school. Educators interested in the two extremes visited New Hampshire to find out how they spent the ten years and visited Kansas City to see how the work could be done in seven. If satisfactory work could

be done in seven years then it was certainly a crime to rob the children of three years.

All the ten years programs in New Hampshire were dropped a few years ago. There were then but few nine-grade systems left outside of New England. The New Hampshire State Program was made out for eight grades anticipating the fact that all schools would soon change to eight grades. The list of states that now have eight grades shows how nearly universal this system has become.

EIGHT GRADES.

Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York (except some cities) North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania (except some cities) South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

NINE GRADES.

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont.

Although New Hampshire is given as a nine grad state many changes have made it practically an eight grade state. Concord, Portsmouth, Dover, Rochester, Franklin, Berlin and many towns now have an eight-grade plan. Likewise Massachusetts can not be classed strictly as a nine-grade state. During the past two years Boston, Worcester and many of the largest cities in Massachusetts have changed from nine to eight grades. It is a safe estimate to state that more than 90 per cent. of all schools are now on the eight-grade plan, and the per cent. is rapidly increasing. Those cities that now retain the ninth grade teach largely high school subjects. The following is the list given me

by the Supt. of our nearest city as the ones taught in their ninth grade: Algebra, Latin, English, English History, Bookkeeping and Civil Government.

One way cities have succeeded in completing the grammar school course in eight or even seven years has been by closer supervision. Many of the useless subjects have been taken from the courses of study. For example, in Arithmetic pupils are not required to study Annual Interest, Allegation, True Discount, Equation of Payments, Compound Proportion, Reverse Processes in Interest, and the like.

When the teachers and superintendents know that the time is limited they take the non-essentials from a course. We may be thankful that the time is limited, for a year gained is of no small consequence. It allows those who are forced to quit school young to take at least part of the high school course.

In the whole state of New Hampshire last September 88 per cent. of the grammar school graduates entered the high schools or academies. With these figures before us we can no longer base conclusions on the premise that but few grammar graduates enter the high school. The closer articulation of grammar and high school has aided greatly in reducing the number who drop out at that time. Pupils are now admitted to the high school on their grammar school certificate instead of being required to take an examination as in former years.

If nearly all the towns in the United States can prepare for high school in eight years I can see no reason why Wilton cannot do so.

There are several reasons why this change should be made, besides the fact that we should try to save the extra year. Our high school is small, at present having only 24 pupils. Not many high schools this size have the standing that ours does. Many such schools are run with one teacher; but they are not approved as ours is. We wish

to keep the school up to its present standard. We have two teachers all the time and another assistant on half time. With the teaching force we could easily accommodate fifty or sixty students.

The tendency will be for pupils in the country to come to the village school. Perhaps some of the rural schools will be closed and the pupils transported to the village. By dropping the ninth grade we could accommodate at least two of our country schools.

All our rural schools except Abbott Hill and West Wilton could easily be moved to the village. Some pupils now come from the country to the upper grammar grades and high school. If reasonable contracts could be made with the parents of these pupils to bring all the children of their respective districts we could close the rural schools at small expense.

Witon is especially fortunate in having excellent teachers in its rural schools; but these teachers labor at a disadvantage. Fifteen minutes are allowed for a recitation and in some cases ten minutes are all that can be given. In the village school of one or two grades the time is twice as long. We could afford a drawing teacher for all grades and the music teacher could do her work at less expense. Better supplies could be furnished, for we cannot afford certain apparatus that would have to be duplicated for all the schools as they are now. The superintendent could spend his time at the one building accomplishing real work. But I need not recite the advantages of consolidating the schools, we all know that it would give us much better schools and to think we could do this at about the same price we now pay for poorer schools!

	GRADES.													
	I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.	VI.	VII.	VIII.	IX.	Freshmen.	Sophomores.	Juniors.	Seniors.	Total.
High School..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	12	7	....	24
Mrs. Charman	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	16	20	....	....	....	....	36
Miss Herlihy	....	....	....	....	....	19	20	....	....	....	....	....	....	39
Miss Smith	....	....	....	25	21	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	46
Miss Jones	....	....	33	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	39
Miss Blanchard	33	14	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	47
Miss Hartshorn (Davisville)..	....	3	....	....	3	5	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	13
Miss Tandy (Wilton Center)..	1	....	....	2	1	....	2	....	3	....	....	....	....	9
Miss Rolfe (West Wilton)	6	5	....	5	3	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	20
Miss Keyes (Abbott Hill)	1	1	3	....	5	1	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	14
Miss Curtis (Intervale)	7	....	....	4	4	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	16
Total	48	23	36	42	37	26	23	16	28	5	12	7	....	303

The above table showing the number in each grade who were members of the schools Feb. 15, may be interesting to some.

I have already called attention to the large number in the first grade. I shall also call attention to the small number in the eighth grade. This will be an excellent year to change to an eight grade basis.

You will note that there are eight pupils in the rural schools who should enter high school next September. As a high school pupil could drive a horse, this may suggest some plan of closing a school.

The number of grades in a country school gives some indication of the amount of work to be done in that school.

SUPERVISION.

I can see where my predecessor has done much in attempting to have the work accomplished in a year uniform

throughout the schools. This has prepared the way for me, with the aid of the teachers of the three towns, to outline the work month by month. We are striving now to keep the schools up with the state program, which is made out for eight grades. To do this the teachers must have every advantage possible. The school year should be 36 weeks for all schools, as we are outlining the work almost week by week for nine months of four weeks each. The teachers must have all books needed, for they have enough difficulties to encounter without waiting for books and supplies. And pupils must be forced to come every day.

I have not completed a detailed outline of the work for all grades because I have not had time to do so. I have divided my time about equally between visiting schools and other work, but hope that the office work and looking after supplies will grow less, as there is enough to do do in the schoolroom to take all my time.

Respectfully,

JOHN BACON,

Superintendent.

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